

Trinidad & Tobago - Pharmacy Students (3rd Year Students Only) Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS)

FACT SHEET

The Trinidad & Tobago pharmacy students GHPSS includes data on prevalence of cigarette smoking and use of other tobacco products, knowledge and attitudes about tobacco use, exposure to second-hand smoke, desire for smoking cessation, and training received during pharmacy school regarding patient counseling on smoking cessation techniques. This information could be very useful in monitoring and developing Trinidad & Tobago's comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Trinidad & Tobago pharmacy students GHPSS was a census of 3rd year pharmacy students attending the 1 pharmacy schools in Trinidad & Tobago conducted in 2008. The school response rate was 100% and the student response rate was 74.3%. A total of 25 students participated in the Trinidad & Tobago pharmacy students GHPSS.

Prevalence

- 64.0% ever smoked cigarettes (Females = 50.0%)
- 16.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Females = 11.1%)
- 8.0% ever used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes (Females = 0.0%)
- 0.0% currently use any form of tobacco other than cigarettes (Females = 0.0%)
- 12.5% of ever smokers smoked on school premises/property during the past year.
- 0.0% of ever smokers smoked in school buildings during the past year.

Factors Influencing Tobacco Use

- 25.0% were exposed to second-hand smoke at home, during the past week.
- 62.5% were exposed to second-hand smoke in public places during the past week.
- 60.0% reported that their school had a ban on smoking in school buildings and clinics.
- 33.3% reported that their school enforced the ban on smoking in school buildings and clinics.
- 91.7% thought smoking should be banned in all enclosed public places.
- 92.0% thought tobacco sales to adolescents should be banned.
- 88.0% thought there should be a complete ban on advertising tobacco products.
- 100.0% were taught about the dangers of smoking during pharmacy school training.

Role Model and Cessation Training

- 60.0% thought health professionals serve as role models for their patients.
- 100.0% thought health professionals have a role in giving advice about smoking cessation to patients.
- 20.8% received formal training in smoking cessation approaches during pharmacy school.
- 96.0% thought health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques.

Highlights

Almost 1 in 5 currently smokes cigarettes and 0.0% currently use other tobacco products.

More than 3 in 5 were exposed to smoke in public places.

Over 9 in 10 support a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places.

One in 5 received training to provide patients with cessation approaches.

Almost all think health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques to use with patients.